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Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

**DISCOVER
THE BEAUTY
OF THE FAITH
IN THE
FOOTSTEPS OF
ST. BENEDICT**



**ABBOT JOHN BRAHILL, OSB, INVITES YOU ON
A PILGRIMAGE DISCOVERING THE BENEDICTINE HISTORY OF**

ITALY & SWITZERLAND

September 18-29, 2020



A pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Benedict and the Benedictine communities of Italy and Switzerland is a walk into layers of history, prayer, and deep faith. See where the foundations of the Benedictine life were laid and how the Rule of St. Benedict spread throughout the world. Come visit the places where Benedict, Scholastica, and Meinrad lived, worked, prayed, and died, and marvel at over 1500 years of Benedictine history that continues today at our own Marmion Abbey.



PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHT: SUBIACO

Just a short drive from Rome lies the small town of Subiaco, the heart of the beginning of the Benedictine Order. Nestled in the hillside above the peaceful town, you'll find the Sacro Speco – the cave to which St. Benedict retreated and lived for three years. It is here where he began to develop his Rule. The cave is now enshrined by Subiaco Monastery, which remains an active Monastery and welcomes visitors to pray and reflect on the life and asceticism of St. Benedict.

Itinerary includes:

ROME

- Explore the Basilica of St. Peter and the Sistine Chapel.
- Descend into the Catacombs of San Callistus and celebrate Mass.
- Join Abbot John for an optional walking tour, visiting the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, and the Trevi Fountain.
- Attend the Papal audience with Pope Francis
- Marvel at the art and architecture of the four major basilicas.

MONTE CASSINO

- Visit the famous Abbey, founded by Benedict in 529, and where he lived until he died.
- Enjoy a tour of this “birthplace of monasticism in Western Europe.”
- Venerate the relics of Benedict and his sister Scholastica which are interred beneath the main altar.

ASSISI

- See the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry, and the Hermitage and caves where he and his followers retreated for seclusion and prayer.
- Explore the Convent of San Damiano, where the miracle of the Eucharist in 1211 took place, and where Jesus spoke to St. Francis from the crucifix.
- Visit the Basilica of St. Clare and view her incorrupt body.

FLORENCE

- Marvel at the Duomo and the Baptistery, known for its bronze doors

COMO

- Relax in this alpine retreat-like setting of the beautiful lake district in the north of Italy.
- Boat across Lake Como to the enchanting village of Bellagio.

EINSIEDELN

- Visit the Benedictine Monastery of Einsiedeln, home to St. Meinrad and one of Switzerland's major pilgrimage sites.
- Venerate the statue of the Black Madonna in the chapel of the monastery.

Estimated Base Price: \$4,995.00

Includes double occupancy, accommodations, base airfare, transportation, breakfast and dinner per itinerary, and entrance fees.

Not included: gratuities (est. \$140)

Some dinners will be on your own.

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